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A short Account of the most considerable News, Foreign and Domestick.

Edinburgh, Thursday May 24, 1722.

*From the Evening Post, May 19th.*

*Since our Last arriv'd one Mail from Holland.*

*Madrid, May 15.*

**T**HE Minister of Great Britain, dispatched Yesterday an Express to England, with the Declarations made to him on the Part of his Catholic Majesty, That the Armaments making in some of our Ports, are not intended for any Expedition which may clash with the Engagements between this Court and that of Great Britain.

Mr. de Colster, Ambassador of the States of Holland, having received his Credentials, designs to set out To-morrow on his Journey to Rome.

*Paris, May 18.* The Marquis de Lede, having again had a long Conference with the Duke Regent and the Cardinal Dubois, is gone to Flanders for a short Time, some of the Affairs he is come about being put off till his Return. 'Tis certain that 4 Men of War are equipping at Brest, which are to be commanded by the Chevalier de Gue Trouin; but his Instructions are to be delivered to him sealed up, not to be opened up till he has got to a certain Distance.

*Geneva, May 16.* We have a flying Report from Italy, that 34 Transports, with Troops on board, have been seen off the Coast of Ligueris, shaping their Course towards Vado: Whereupon the British Resident, went away Post from Turin to Genoa.

*Vienna, May 13.* As this Court grows daily more apprehensive of the Troubles in Italy, an extraordinary Council was held lately at the House of Prince Eugene, to appoint the Generals who shall command the Imperial Troops in these Parts, in case of a Rupture.

*Hague, May 16.* Horatio Walpole, Esq. received last Night an Express from London: 'Tis said he presented this Day a Memorial to the States General, to request them to keep some of their Troops in Readiness to be transported to England, if there should be a Necessity for it.

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From the *St. James's Evening Post*, May 17.

*A Letter from his Majesty King George to the Protestant Cantons in Swisserland, relating to the Formulary, intituled, the Consensus or Agreement.*

**G**EORGE, by the Grace of GOD, King of Great Britain, &c. To the Illustrious and Magnificent Lords, the Burgomasters, Avoyers, Landmans and Counsellors of the Protestant Cantons of Swisserland, viz. Zurich, Berne, Glaris, Basil, Schaffhausen, Appenzel, St. Gall and Bern; Our most dear Friends, greetings: As nothing can give us greater Pleasure than to see a firm and constant Union advance as far as possible amongst all those who profess the true Faith, so we could not but be extremely sorry to hear that a certain Paper called *Formula* or *Consensus*, which has been received for several Years in certain Parts of Swisserland, has caused abundance of Confusion and Trouble amongst the Protestants of Germany; and given Birth to uneasy Scruples in their Minds, which is certainly a very great Hinderance to that strict Union which there ought to be among our Brethren, who in other Respects agree together in Possession of the pure and true Religion.

Therefore, such is the Love we bear you, and the Concern we have in whatsoever affects your Interests, that we could not refrain from amicably exhorting of you together, but more especially the Cantons of Zurich and Berne, that you will have so much regard for the Peace and Tranquillity of the reformed Church, as to force no Body to sign the said Formulary, the rather, because such a Proceeding would not be consistent with your usual Moderation in the like Case, but that on the contrary you will check such Persons, who under Pretence of propagating the Confession of the true Faith, go about to trouble the Peace of the Church, by unreasonable Disputes, about Matters too sublime or obscure, and on which (in the Judgement of very many) eternal Salvation has not much Dependance; a Practice which if tolerated any longer, may be very prejudicial both to the State and to Religion. We need not point it to you how useful, how wholsom, and even how Necessary this Advice is, especially in the present Juncture of Affairs. Your great Piety and Wisdom will convince you of it fully. 'Tis enough to say, That by conforming to it, you will Act for both your Interest, and for the Interest of Protestants in General. And we persuade our selves, That you will the more willingly adhere to it, because thereby you will do what will be extremely agreeable to us, and at the same time, contribute effectually to the Peace and Security of the Reformed Churches, for the the rest, we Recommend you heartily, both you and all that belong to you, to the Protection of Almighty GOD.

*St. James's April 10, 1722*

In Eighth Year of our Reign.

Your good Friend *George Rex:*

Under *Carteret,*

From the *Whitehall Evening Post*, May 17.

*Vienna, May 9.* The Report of the Turks designing a Rupture with some of the Christian Powers, is not credited here.

*Paris, May 10.* 'Tis rumoured that Prince Eugene is expected in the Austrian Netherlands, to secure that Country from Insults; and that an Alliance Offensive and Defensive, is in Agitation between the Emperor and the Elector of Bavaria, for electing a King of the Romans.

*Frankfort*



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**Frankfort, May 14.** They write from Vienna, That a Conference was lately held at Prince Eugene's House; and all the General Officers which are to serve in Italy, are named.

**Hamburg, May 17.** 'Tis now reported, That the Czar will go in Person upon the projected Expedition near the Caspian Sea, but designs to return speedily to Petersburg. The Poles and Lithuanians are alarmed at the Motions of the Muscovites.

**Rome, May 3.** This Court has ordered the Legates of Bologna and Ferrara, to raise abundance of Soldiers to be sent to Parma and Placentia.

**Moscow, April 17.** Baron Saphireff, Vice Chancellor, continues to confer frequently with the French and Spanish Ambassadors. Mr. Wild, the Dutch Envoy, is in great Esteem at Court.

**London, May 17.** Yesterday the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor went up by Water to Pultney and Falham, and held a Court of Conservation for the River of Thames, in the Morning at the former Place, and in the Afternoon in the latter.

'Tis said, That Sir Isaac Newton, who, has been much indisposed, is in a fair way of Recovery, at his Seat in Berkshire, where we are told he intends to build and endow a Observatory for making Astronomical Observations.

We hear a Treaty of Marriage is on Foot between the Duke of Bridgewater and the Lady Anne Russel.

We hear the Earl of Oxford is greatly indisposed at his Seat in Hertfordshire.

The Regiments of Horse of the Lord Londonderry and General Wade, are incamped at Andover, and the Regiments of Gore, Honywood and Evans, at Marlborough.

The Right Honourable the Lord Kilmain, Colonel of the English Fusiliers, is dead.

We hear a Stop is put to the Equipment of the Yachts at Greenwich. Our Merchants have Advice, That the Morrice and Macclesfield are both arrived at Portsmouth from China.

**P: S: Paris, May 23.** The Ceremony of the King's Inauguration is fully regulated. The Marshal de Estrées, is to carry the Crown; the Marshal de Uxelles the Scepter, the Marshal de Telle the Sword, Marshal Tallard the Oblations, the Marshal de Marignon, the Banner of France. The King goes to Versailles the 2d of next Month; The Inhabitants of that Place were about preparing curious Fire-works, but are ordered in the King's Name to save that Expence. According to Advices from Madrid, the chief Articles charged upon Cardinal Alberoni are, That by the Assistance of some Divines, he endeavoured to withdraw the Churches of Spain from their Obedience to the Pope, and that he had kept Correspondence with the Ottoman Porte.

*From the Evening Post, May 19.*

**London, May 19.** Thursday last his Majesty walked above an Hour in Kensington Gardens; we shall know in two or three Days whether his Majesty designs to go to Hanover this Summer or not.

Yesterday Mr. Abel Boyer a Frenchman, was taken into Custody of a Messenger, for reflecting on the Ministry, as is said, by printing in his Monthly Political State for April, Words to this Effect, That he had

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had helped the Ministry to a Scheme, which at a Pinch supplied them with 500000 l. and to find himself at last no better rewarded than by being suspected of Dissaffection, is a Hardship, not to say Barbarity, not easily to be digested; and concludes by saying, I know by long Experience, That its the Practice of Courtiers to calumniate them whose Services they have left unrecompensed, in order to palliate their Ingratitude.

Brigadier Honnywood's Regiment of Dragoons is to incamp near Reading.

*From the St. James's Evening Post, May 16.*

*Parma, April 26.* The Duke has lately reviewed the Troops of this Garrison, and sent an Express to the Court of Rome. The Inhabitants of this City are ordered to provide themselves with Provisions for Three Months.

*Turin, April 27.* The King is perfectly recovered of his Indisposition, and has given Command to have all the Places along the Po and the Tanaro put in a good Condition of Defence. All Officers of Horse and Foot are ordered to have their Companies compleat by the End of next Month.

*Mantua, May 1.* In the last Fortnight above 3000 Recruits, and above 1400 Horse, have marched thro' this Place from Germany, in order to recruit the Imperial Regiments in the Milaneze.

*Madrid, May 5.* Military Preparations for Sea and Land, are vigorously carried on in this Kingdom, and the foreign Ministers are extremely Inquisitive to find out to what Purpose those Preparations are designed.

*Paris, May 14.* 'Tis said the Duke of Berwick is to go shortly to Madrid, in Quality of Ambassador Extraordinary.

*Vienna, May 9.* The 6th Mr. Gordon, Cabinet Messenger to the King of Great Britain, arrived here from London, and Yesterday Mr. Theodore Cortanz one of the Emperor's Messengers, arrived here from Constantinople. They write from Ofdenburg in Hungary, that there died there lately a Woman, who was 120 Years, 11 Months and four Days old.

*Deal, May 17.* The Six Kings Ships, and outward bound, are still here

*London, May 19.* The Earl of Albemarle arrived here last Thursday from Holland.

On Tuesday the Dutchess of Kendal gave a Magnificent Entertainment to most of the foreign Ministers, &c at her Apartment in St. James's House. We hear Colonel Robert Murray, Member of Parliament, and Major of the 3d Regiment of Foot Guards, is about to purchase the Lord Hinchinbrook's Regiment of Foot in Ireland.

Since Thursday last, about 380 Ounces of foreign Gold, and 4000 of foreign Silver have been exported to Holland.

Letters from the Hague, dated the 26 of May, say, that Mr. Horatio Walpole delivered a Memorial to the Deputies of the States General, who therein are desired to transport a certain Number of Troops to Great Britain. Upon that Occasion, 'tis rumoured, that the late Duke of Ormond is put to Sea from a certain Harbour, with about 3000 Men; But this Report seems to have no great Foundation as yet.

*Wye's Letter, verbatim, May 19th, 1722.*

*Yesterday arrived a Mail from Holland.*

*Hague, May 25.* OUR Accounts concerning the Czar of Muscovy are so contradictory that we cannot tell what to make of them: But of this some Letters are positive, that his chief and real Design is to venture upon an Expedition that will tend to produce a War in Germany; and that with this View it is that he is so solicitous in inducing the King of Prussia to come in to an Alliance with him, and likewise to draw the King of S



into that concluded with France and Spain. However it be, 'tis certain that our Envoy at the Court of Denmark, finding that the present Situation of Affairs in the North are such as to afford no Probability of Success in his Negotiation, has desired to be recalled.

Concerning the Affairs in the South we have the following Relations: From *Milan*, That military Preparations were vigorously carried on in that Kingdom, and that the Foreign Ministers are extremely inquisitive to know the Designs thereof: But to whatever Purposes these Armaments are intended, Great Britain may depend they are not designed against her, from the Assurances given by the Spanish Court.

'Tis conjectured, that the King of Sardinia will not side again with the House of Austria, his Majesty having ordered all the Places along the Po and the Tanaro, immediately to be put in a good Condition of Defence; and all the Officers of Horse and Foot, to have their Companies complete by the End of May. The Advices from Turin further relate, That the Spanish Fleet, consisting of 30 large Ships and 24 Frigates, with a great Number of Troops on board, was seen off the Coast of Tuscany. Other Accounts say, that this Fleet has landed the Troops at Vado.

The Letters from Parma say, That the Duke has lately reviewed the Troops of that Garrison, and ordered the Inhabitants of that City to provide themselves with Provisions for three Months.

Since our last, 11500 Ounces of foreign Silver, and 1200 Ounces of Gold have been entred at our Custom House, for Exportation for Holland; from whence 'tis advised, that Mr. Walpole has delivered a Memorial to the States General, desiring a Transport of some of their Troops to England in case of Need.

The Search for Horse and Arms is continued in London, Westminster and County of Middlesex; but we cannot yet tell what have been seiz'd: but 'tis wrote from Rye, that on Sunday last, several Persons which came from Diepe were examined by the Custom-house Officers, who upon a strict Search, found in the Custody of one of them, some Letters from the English Nuns and others in France, recommending him to the Papists, as a Person fit to be entrusted; upon which he was committed to Prison; he is supposed to be an Irish Priest.

'Tis thought the Forces from Ireland are by this Time arriv'd in the West of England, the Workmen in the King's Yards are even exercised in Arms, by Order of the Government: People are very much surprized, that there should be such Disaffections in the Kingdom, as to give Occasion for these Precautions, and so few to be taken into Custody.

Mr. Boyer a French Huguenot, is again seized by a Messenger, for inserting the Last Will and Testament of the Septennial Parliament, and likewise gross Reflections on the Ministry, in his political State of Great Britain, published for the Month of April. Mr. Russell, a considerable Merchant of this City, having had the Misfortune to be personated by some Miscreant, and 1700 L. of his South Sea Stock sold and transferred, is determined to sue the Company, whereupon the Directors are using their utmost Endeavours, to detect the Authors of this Vilainy, which makes much Noise, and gives much Uneasiness to the Proprietors.

A Camp is to be formed near Reading. Mean time People are of opinion, that the King will after all go this Summer to Hanover.

The Countess Dowager of Sussex is dead. The Earl of Sunderland arrived this Day in Town.

There is an Account, That the Success from Barbadoes was lately taken and burnt by the Pyrates. S. S Stock, 88. Bank, 113. India, 138.

Haddington, May 18, 1722.

Best Wheat, 8 L. 0 sh.	2d Ditto, 7 L. 10 sh.	3d Ditto, 7 L.
Best Bear, 6 L. 0 sh.	2d Ditto, 5 L. 14 sh.	3d Ditto, 5 L. 10 sh.
Best Oats, 6 L. 00 sh.	2d Ditto, 5 L. 10 sh.	3d Ditto, 3 L. 16 sh.
Best Pease, 5 L. 10 sh.	2d Ditto, 5 L. 6 sh.	3d Ditto, 5 L. 00 sh.

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## ADVERTISEMENT.

**T**HESE are to advertise all Heretors, Ministers and others, who know of any vacant Stipends yet resting, where the King is Patron, that if they have any just Claim thereupon, for charitable and pious Uses, they do apply to *James Muirhead*, at his Coffee House in *Edinburgh*, by Word or Writing to him, who will inform them of the Way and Manner how to obtain the same; Or if any Person will inform the said *James Muirhead*, of any vacant Stipends yet resting, whereof the King is now Patron, the said *James Muirhead* shall pay them ten Shillings *Sterling*, for every vacant Stipend they inform of.

†† The Lands and Barony of Enfield, comprehending the Lands of Windmillhill, East Miln; Miln, Miln Lands and others, with the third Part of the Lands of Gelleths, near the Burgh of Dumfries, lying within the Parochie thereof, and Sheriffdom of Fife, belonging to Philip Anstruther now of Enfield, paying of yearly Rent 178 Bolls Bear, 101 Bolls weighted Meal, at eight Stone per Boll, 38 Bolls 2 Firlots Oats, and 8 Bolls grind Malt, and 1000 Merks Money Rent, with a fine large House, Office-houses, Gardens and Orchards, two Dovecoats, Planting, Parks, Meadows, and about 13 or 14 Dozen of Kain, and other Conveniencies, are to be exposed to voluntar Roup and Sale, upon Friday the 2nd of June next, in the House of Patrick Herdman Vintner in Edinburgh, over against the Parliament Clofs, betwixt the Hours of 3 and 4 in the Afternoon: The Rental of the said Estate and Deductions therefrom, with the Conditions of Roup, are to be seen in the Hands of John Lumisden Writer to the Signet, at his writing Chamber in Miln's Square, opposite to the Tron Church. As also, that there are two Lodgings, being the fourth and fifth Stories of the great Stone Land at the Head of Gray's Clofs, on the South Side of the Street of Edinburgh, belonging to the said Philip Anstruther, and paying both of yearly Rent 21 L. *Sterling*, are also to be exposed to voluntar Roup, upon Tuesday the 26th of the said Month of June next, in the foresaid House and Time.

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